# SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

# BULLETIN

**February 2007**

**FSDXA St Brandon (3B7) DXpedition Receives ARRL Colvin Award (from the ARRL web site)**

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 7, 2007 -- A planned September DXpedition to St Brandon (3B7) will benefit from a $5000 ARRL Colvin Award support grant. The Five Star DXers Association (FSDXA) team is scheduled to operate as 3B7C from Isle du Sud from September 7 until September 24. Located in the Indian Ocean, St Brandon (Cargados Shoals) is part of the Republic of Mauritius and was number 45 overall on the latest available most-wanted list of DXCC entities, although West Coast US DXers put it at number 18.

"Although we recognize that St Brandon is not terribly high on the 'Most Wanted List' and that there will be another operation prior to yours, we believe the Five Star operation will outshine all others," said a letter to 3B7C joint team leader Neville Cheadle, G3NUG, from then-Colvin Award Committee Chair Wayne Mills, N7NG. ""We are confident that the Five Star group will fill a need by making this country available to many who might not be able to get into the log of a more-focused operation."

A recent 3B7C DXpedition bulletin by Don Field, G3XTT, reported that two FSDXA members already have visited Mauritius to set up logistics for the September St Brandon operation and that all necessary permits and licenses were in hand. The team will need to transport some six tons of equipment and supplies by boat.

"There is still a lot to be done, but we are all looking forward to putting another rare one on the air," Field said.

In his grant letter, Mills suggested that the 3B7C DXpedition could be the first "to focus on those operators who are not as capable with Morse," given the elimination of the Morse code requirement for HF access in the US and elsewhere. Field said the team would be only too happy to comply. "We will ensure, once we are on the island, that we publicize our operating schedules such that inexperienced CW operators can maximize their chances of a contact," he said.

In addition to the Colvin Award grant, other support for the 3B7C outing has come from the Northern California DX Foundation (NDXF), the Chiltern DX Club (CDXC) in the UK and the UK DX Foundation. Corporate donors of equipment include Yaesu, as principal sponsor, as well as Titanex. Yaesu will provide a dozen FT-2000 transceivers and six VL1000 linear amplifiers as well as monoband Yagis for all bands 30 through 6 meters. Tinanex-supplied verticals will cover 160, 80 and 40.

Up to 20 world-class operators, most from the UK and the US, are expected to handle the pileups from 12 operating positions. The FSDXA says that, given the low point in the sunspot cycle, the 3B7C team will concentrate on the low bands. It's hoping to log in excess of 100,000 QSOs during its stay.

Formed in 1998, the FSDXA undertook its first DXpedition that year to Spratly Island as 9M0C. That operation racked up nearly 66,000 contacts and resulted in the book, *DXpeditioning: Behind the Scenes*. FSDXA also sponsored the D68C Comoros DXpedition in 2001 and the 3B9C DXpedition to Rodrigues Island in 2004 -- also a Colvin Award winner. In 1998 an ARRL Colvin Award grant helped to fun another international group's DXpedition to St Brandon.

The Colvin Award was established in 1994 with the proceeds of a life insurance policy purchased by Lloyd Colvin, W6KG (SK), that named the ARRL as beneficiary. The award is conferred in the form of grants in support of Amateur Radio projects that promote international goodwill in the field of DX.

From the 1960s into the early 1990s, renowned DXers Lloyd Colvin and his wife Iris, W6QL, activated more than 100 DXCC entities. Lloyd Colvin died in 1993 and Iris Colvin in 1998.

**Join us at**
**The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd**
**Wednesday Feb 28, 2007**
**Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M**

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# Gavel Gab…



Paul Dorey WN6K

Well here we are in February but it looks outside like June. Only the weekend splash of various contesting events reminds us that it really is still the Winter Window of opportunity to work DX. Most of us hope for some rain though maybe not all entirely for Radio Reasons, but for our annual cleansing of those noisy dirty artifacts on poles and utility fixtures in the neighborhood.

Yesterday there were a number of 'island folk' out there warming up for this upcoming ARRL DX CW Contest and a good chance for newcomers and old-timers alike to snag some band countries before the contest. Of course that is not to say that contestants, local and afar, will not appreciate reciprocal contacts also.

I have been playing with RTTY contesting a bit more (CQ WPX RTTY) and have found more gems to add to the totals. K6DEX, N6XT and N6CW were also found 'deedle-deedling' the bands looking for new ones.

For those in the less digital modes, ARRL Phone is coming up next month so brush off those microphones, load up on throat lozenges, or dig out those 8-track tape loops and see if you can make some noise.

Everyone made their plans for the DX Convention in Visalia? Check out their registration and programs on the web at: http://www.dxconvention.org/ It looks like there will be plenty to see and do and it is not too early to get it on your calendars.

A final word on noise – we had an interesting visit with Ed, W1RFI from the ARRL earlier this month. Ed was out for some other things but spent some of his spare time with me listening to the local BPL testing activities that SDG&E are running. We will have more to report on that at the meeting.

**San Diego DX Club Policy**
**on content of**
**DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector**

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. No PERSONAL attacks will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

**Submissions are due on the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!**

## TREASURER'S REPORT
**January 31, 2007**




| | |
|---|---|
| Balance as of Dec 31, 2006: | $3,632.59 |
| Income: | |
| Regular Dues: | 205.00 |
| TOTAL: | 205.00 |
| Expenses: | None |
| Balance as of Jan 31, 2007: | $3,837.59 |
| Petty Cash on Hand: | 20.00 |
| Total Checking/Petty Cash: | $3,857.59 |

**MEETING MINUTES**

January 24, 2007The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on January 24, 2007 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. The President, Paul WN6K called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 27 members and guests present.

There was the usual lively discussion during the DX Roundtable including DX worked, and missed, and the poor propagation we are now experiencing at the bottom of the sunspot cycle.

John, K6AM presented the Top Ten list for 10 and 40 meters with Tom, KM6K leading the pack on the former and Jim, K6YA out in front on the latter. Tom must have some sort of alarm system to let him know when Ten meters opens up.

The club welcomes two new members:
Robert A. Kemp, WA4CHI and Robert W. Kruger, K6DEX to the rolls of the San Diego DX Club.

The subject of the annual DX Bash was brought up and Gayle, K6GO graciously offered her residence in Poway as a suitable location. The date of the Bash was not decided at the time of the meeting; however, it is now fixed as Sunday afternoon, August 26, 2007. Additional details such as menu, parking, and the like have yet to be worked out. Thank you Gayle.

Treasurer Harry, W6YOO again mentioned that 2007 dues were due. If you have not already renewed, please send a check for ten dollars in favor of SDDXC, to 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715.

PROGRAM:

Travelin' Bob Grimmick, N6OX was our presenter with a wonderful slide show of his journey to Burkina Faso with a team who operated as XT2C. It was evident from the excellent photography that Africa, at least in this part, has yet to advance to the stone age. Bob as you may know has recently operated on Peter I Island, the new country of Montenegro, Belgium, occasionally returning to the US of A to renew family ties and citizenship. Well done Bob!

**ADJOURNMENT:**
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted:
Harry Hodges, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

**Local DXer Joe, W6VNR will be back at his other home on Grand Cayman, working ARRL SSB and CQWPXSSB again as ZF2AH likely at the club station.**

## THE SDDXC TOP 10
By John, K6AM



**TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 10 METERS**

| 2/07 | 2/06 | CALL | ZNS | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 7. | KM6K | | 329 | 338 | 338 | +21 |
| 2 | 1. | W6EUF | | 316 | 323 | 332 | - |
| 3 | 2. | W6YA | 40 | ? | ? | 325 | - |
| 4 | 3. | N6AW | 40 | 312 | 322 | 322 | - |
| 5. | 5. | N6CW | 40 | ? | 289 | 320 | +1 |
| 6 | 4. | N6ND | 40 | 228 | 232 | 319 | -1 |
| 7 | 6. | K6AM | | 312 | 317 | 317 | - |
| 8. | 8. | W6KUT | 40 | 264 | 264 | 302 | - |
| 9. | 9. | W6SHY | 40 | 284 | 288 | 295 | - |
| 10. | 10. | W6YOO | 39 | 285 | 289 | 289 | +2 |

**TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 40 METERS**

| 2/07 | 2/06 | CALL | ZNS | C-D | CFM | WKD | CHG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1. | W6YA | 40 | 331 | 339 | 339 | - |
| 2. | 2. | N6ND | 40 | 253 | 257 | 334 | - |
| 3 | 3 | W6KUT | 40 | 325 | 326 | 334 | - |
| 4 | 4. | W6EUF | | 310 | 315 | 327 | - |
| 5. | 5. | N6AW | 40 | 317 | 323 | 324 | - |
| 6. | 6. | K6AM | | 317 | 321 | 327 | +6 |
| 7. | 7. | N6CW | 40 | ? | 276 | 323 | +7 |
| 8. | 8. | K6TQ | 40 | 294 | 294 | 294 | - |
| 9. | 9. | N7CW | | 221 | 221 | 292 | - |
| 10 | 10. | K6XT | | ? | ? | 283 | - |

Our 10 meter guru, Tom, KM6K comes out of many years of hiding to post a huge total that shoots him right back to his rightful place at number one. Ten, of course is sound asleep most of the time. I don't think we'll see much action for the next 2 – 3 years. But 40 has been as good as ever. There were some big expeditions recently and we should see a bit of movement here by next time as reports begin coming in. We hope you got all the ones that are workable.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, 80, 20, 15 meters, and then the WARC bands. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at http://www.sddxc.org or bring 'em to the meeting.

## DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES, DUES
I hate to be such a nag, but we began to collect 2007 dues back on October 1st and my records indicate that the following call signs (about 40% of our membership) still have not sent in their dues for 2007. Make out your check to SDDXC and send to 2435 Our Country Road, Escondido, CA 92029-5715

KU6A, N6AW, K6BK, W6CN, N6CW N7CW, K6DLV, AC6FM, K6JL, W6KUT, K6MC, K6MY, K6NA, WB6NBU, N6NC, N6ND, N6NO, W6NOW, KG6PDW, W7PN, AK6R, K9RHY, N0RR, W6SHY, W6US, AC6V, NF6V, KF6VMC, W6WU, AE6XG, K6XT, W6YA, NG6Z

So, if your call appears above, please get you check in the mail today! March 31st is the deadline when members are dropped from the rolls if dues have not been paid. Please consider reenlisting for multiple years. If, for whatever reason, you do not intend to continue your membership at this time, please respond to this email and I will move your membership to inactive status. 73,
Harry, W6YOOSecretary/Treasurer